

# **First Presbyterian Church of Rockport transcripts S2744**

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository</b>    | Rare Books and Manuscripts                        |
| <b>Title</b>         | First Presbyterian Church of Rockport transcripts |
| <b>Date</b>          | circa 1850-1941                                   |
| <b>Extent</b>        | 0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder                          |
| <b>Language</b>      | English                                           |
| <b>Text [Folder]</b> | S2744                                             |

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## Historical Note

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The Presbyterian Church in Rockport, Indiana was created after Joseph A. Gray and John Atkinson discussed the need for a church during the county seminary at the Union Sabbath School. On November 16, 1850, eight charter members wrote a constitution and named their new church the First Presbyterian Church of Rockport.

The first services were held in the Rockport courthouse. By 1854, meetings were being held in the Lemmon schoolhouse near Pigeon Creek. In the same year, the Vincennes Presbytery held its spring meeting in Rockport. A church house was finally dedicated on August 15-16, 1856, by the Reverends H. Hopkins [or Hopkens] and A. Stirrit [or Sterret].

Thirteen years later, the congregation voted to dissolve its connection to the Vincennes Presbytery and request a new connection to the Louisville Presbytery—a request which was granted. Because of declining attendance, "the session" voted to close the First Presbyterian Church of Rockport for all services except the administration of communion.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes photostat transcriptions of meeting minutes from the first record book of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockport. Included are records of congregation (members, deacons, elders and ministers) for the years of 1850-1941.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

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## Administrative Information

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## **Publication Information**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Genre(s)**

- Transcriptions

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Rockport (Ind.)

**Subject(s)**

- Church history--Indiana
- Indiana--Presbyterian churches